

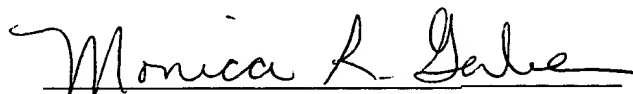
Remarks

Applicants have cancelled the previously rejected claims, have indicated the status of all claims in the enclosed Amendment in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c), and therefore respectfully submit that the present case is in condition for allowance. A Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If, at any time, it appears that a phone discussion would be helpful, the undersigned would greatly appreciate the opportunity to discuss any remaining issues at the Examiner's convenience. The undersigned can be contacted at (617) 248-5000 or (617) 248-5071 (direct dial).

It is believed that no fee is due with this response. Should this be incorrect, please charge any fees associated with this filing, or apply any credits, to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Monica R. Gerber".

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